



With evidence of increased hiring of PCPs in Medicaid expansion states, nonexpansion may mean more than a lost opportunity to strengthen a primary care workforce that is already strained by the challenges of caring for an aging and expanding population.<sup>4</sup> Increased primary care demand in neighboring expansion states may attract more PCPs away from nonexpanding states. Less access to primary care may lead to worsening access to health care, less access to preventive care, and poorer overall health outcomes. The economic impact of the primary care workforce is also lost in expansion discussions, despite evidence suggesting PCPs generate up to \$1.5 million in annual revenues and 23 new jobs apiece.<sup>5</sup>

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